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Thanks Kristine. It looks like given this schedule and the current due date for the draft FS, the absolute earliest ROD date is mid-2014. Is that your estimate as well? I did not understand your "note" below regarding Tribal comment to NRRB and a presentation on the Preferred Remedial Action. Were you saying that the Tribes would need a presentation on the preferred action in order to facilitate comments to the NRRB? If so, is that in addition to the government to government consultation? I spoke with Nez Perce Office of Legal Counsel regarding government to government consultation last month and would be happy to offer some initial thoughts on that process if you want to give me a call to discuss.

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On Oct 17, 2011, at 10:50 AM, [Koch.Kristine@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Koch.Kristine@epamail.epa.gov) wrote:

Erin - There are too many caveats to the various steps in the process of issuing a ROD to provide a specific schedule, so we are providing major steps in the process and approximate time frames for each. The missing step is Tribal Consultation since we have asked the Tribes to indicate where and how in this process each Tribe would like to be consulted on the remedy. This is not an enforceable schedule, but provided to allow you to understand the approximate time frames with each step.

From the point of an acceptable RI/FS....

Develop Preferred Remedial Action/Preliminary Draft Proposed Plan	3-4 months
Internal EPA Review	2-3 months
Region 10 Presentation of Preferred Remedial Action	
National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) Presentation of Preferred Remedial Action	

**\*\*Note:** Tribes may submit comments to the NRRB 1 month prior to presentation, so there would need to be a presentation of the Preferred Remedial Action Final Draft Proposed Plan 1-2 months  
 EPA HQ Review of Proposed Plan 1 month  
 Incorporate comments 1-2 months  
 Public Comment Period 3+ months  
 Respond to Public Comments/Draft ROD 6-7 months  
 State/HQ Review of Draft ROD 1 month  
 Finalize ROD 1-2 months

If you have any questions or concerns with this schedule, please feel free to contact Chip or I directly.

Regards,  
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Chip and Kristine,

I know you are currently considering the LWG's request for an extension to submit the Draft FS. It would be very helpful if in addition to making a decision on this issue, you could also provide the government team with a detailed schedule for getting from the FS to the ROD. In particular, this is very important to the Trustee's NRDA process as our NRD allocation process is currently tied to issuance of the ROD. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

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